

## Message Text

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SUBJ: OFFICIAL PERUVIAN REACTION TO APPROVAL OF PANAMA CANAL  
TREATIES

REF: LIMA 3417

1. IN ADDITION TO EXTENSIVE PRESS CONVERAGE AND HIGHLY FAVORABLE EDITORIAL COMMENT REPORTED REFTEL, GOP-CONTROLLED NEWSPAPERS HAVE CARRIED SEVERAL ITEMS REVEALING OFFICIAL REACTION TO THE RATIFICATION OF CANAL TREATIES. FONMIN DE LA PUENTE, IN PRESS CONFERENCE RELATED TO VISIT OF ARGENTINE SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER, REVEALED THAT THE GOP HAS RECEIVED A CABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA, ACKNOWLEDGING THE ROLE PLAYED BY LATIN AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE OAS AND THEIR CONCERN OVER RESERVATIONS TO THE TREATIES. IN THIS REGARD, SAID DE LA PUENTE, THE PANAMANIAN MESSAGE SOLICITS INTER-AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR RESPECT OF THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND JURIDICAL EQUALITY OF ALL AMERICAN STATES. DE LA PUENTE OBSERVED THAT PERU WILL REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY OBSERVATIONS ON TREATIES UNTIL PANAMA HAS HAD ITS SAY.

2. THE HEAD OF THE NATIONAL PLANNING INSTITUTE, GEN. JORGE CHAVEZ QUELOPANA, LEFT LIMA APRIL 21 TO ATTEND THE PANAMA  
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MEETING OF PLANNING MINISTERS CARRYING A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ TO GENERAL TORRIJOS. ACCORDING TO CHAVEZ, MORALES BERMUDEZ EXPRESSED THE SATISFACTION OF THE PERUVIAN PEOPLE OVER THE SUCCESSFUL TERMINATION OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. CHAVEZ REMARKED THAT THIS ACHIEVEMENT OPENS A NEW HORIZON IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA.

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